

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S OATH/DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Atty. Dkt. 1585-257

Date: December 27, 2000

Sir:



This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED CRACK BEHAVIOR PREDICTION DETERMINATION

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with  
11 pages of specification and claims including  
5 numbered claims and also attached is/are  
4 sheets of accompanying drawings.  
☐ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☒ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date
60/211,490	June 14, 2000

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☐ Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed  
Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/  
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reference in this application.--

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Provisional Application No. 60/211,490, filed June 14, 2000, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by  
reference in this application.--

Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement ; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Other:

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